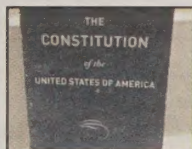


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On November 8th, 13th, 19th, and 28th, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Intramurals and Recreation is offering Kanjam at the Sport and Fitness Center (D) Building at the Haverhill Campus

Northern Essex Community College will be closed on the 12th of November in observance of Veteran's Day.

On November 13th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, the YWCA will be having an information table on Suicide Prevention at the El-Hefni (LC) Building in Lawrence and the Spurr (C) Building in Haverhill

On November 7th, 14th, 20th, and 29th, from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm Intramurals and Recreation will be hosting Volleyball in the Sports and Athletic Center

Thanksgiving Break begins the 21st of November, classes resume the 26th of November

On November 27th, all students and staff are encouraged to attend the Free Farmer's Market. The primary distribution center is Haverhill Campus from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Dimitry work ongoing



Photo by Andy Montilla

View of the exterior work on the Dimitry Building on Northern Essex's Lawrence Campus. For more photos, see page 12.

Renovations continue on Lawrence campus

By ANDY MONTILLA
Correspondent

Renovations to the Dimitry Building on the Lawrence campus of NECC began in October in 2017. Located at 45 Franklin St., all renovations are set to be done in the month of March of 2019. Renovations include new windows, new siding, improvements to the parking lot, and a new landscaped outdoor space

NECC students are beyond excited as many students say the Lawrence campus has already begun to look like more of a welcoming education center, with a more modern looking one stop center and bookstore on Common Street in Lawrence.

Communication major Victor Alcantara said the Dimitry Building previously didn't offer much motivation for students "I think the renovations are great for the building, there wasn't a whole lot to it," he said. Alcantara goes on to say "I'm hoping when it's done it will be a place students would actually like to have class

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in.” NECC students will not only be motivated to attend classes in Lawrence but also feel like this is a much needed accomplishment for Lawrence.

Ivelisse Matos, a Business major at NECC states “with everything that's going on in Lawrence, it's good that we will have a new building that students will take pride in. It's good for Lawrence to be known for something better than tragedies and violence.”

Due to renovations, the entrance and exits of the Dimitry building were moved to the Common Street side of the building and the parking for the Lawrence campus have also been relocated. This has caused some confusion for students.

Patrick Bezanson, a first year Criminal Justice major takes most of his classes on the Lawrence campus and it has been a bit confusing for him. “Parking isn't too bad but if you're not from here or familiar with the area it can be frustrating,” he said. Although the temporary parking has annoyed Bezanson, he cannot wait for routine parking come next semester. “Hopefully, everything is done by the time that the website states (March 2019),” he said.

After the \$6.5 million renovations are done, students will be more than motivated to take classes on the Lawrence campus and will also take pride in getting their education in a renovated and revitalized building.

Important dates:

Nov 8th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Alaskan poet Tom Sexton will read some of his works in the Spurr (C) Building, according to the NECC Website.

Nov 8th, from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm, There will be a workshop on Exel for Business in the General Services (B) Building. Suggested for Business and Accounting-oriented students, but all are welcome, according to the NECC Website.

Nate Fredricks, C.S., will be joined by vocalist Christa Said-Graham on Wednesday, Nov 14th at 4:30 in Lecture Hall A (Spurr Bldg C.) This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Andover.

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CNN anchor jumps the shark

By BRENNAN COONEY
Editor-in-Chief

On Monday the 29th of October, CNN anchor Don Lemon sparked an outrage when he made comments on air that asserted that the greatest terror threat in the country is white men. According to the Washington Post, the comment in question was "... we have to stop demonizing people and realize the biggest terror threat in this country is white men..."

Lemon has since doubled down on this position, and CNN has not condemned his comments.

Though this level of rhetoric is not common on the Mainstream television circuit, anti-white sentiments are not uncommon on various internet outlets, even among some notable historic and established publications. When opinion writer Sarah Jeong was hired by the New York Times, many critics pointed out her blatant and vitriolic posts against white people on Twitter. In as

many words, the Times chalked up her tweets to her personal opinion, and thus not their remit to control or criticize.

To this, I can only say that I agree heartily, New York Times. In the case of both Lemon and Jeong, I couldn't care less about their personal biases or positions.

The issue is the common acceptance and even apologetics concerning anti-white bigotry in academia and the media, and the ferocious double-standard that accompanies it.

It is one thing to form theories about the interplay of race, sex, et cetera and discuss them.

But where the extreme left elements of the media and academia have erred is in treating the concept of white privilege as carte blanche to lambaste, blame, and villainize a massive swathe of the voting population.

From an article that appeared in the Guard-

ian in May of 2017, titled "Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race," to Buzzfeed's 2014 piece "22 reasons why straight white boys are actually the worst," in the socialite circles of the United States, it has been chic for a few years to denounce straight white men and boys.

It is not difficult to see that the narrative has been entirely derailed. Whatever serious discussion might have been had concerning race is being drowned in the one sided mess of lowball

humor and stereotypes, which coincidentally enough is precisely what these same outlets proclaim to be engaging in resistance against.

This became coupled with extended campaigns of censorship by the gilded halls of Silicon Valley conglomerates like Apple, Facebook and Google against political and cultural opponents and a ruthless pursuit of anything that could be construed as hate speech.

There could not have been a

better catchphrase for this blatant doublethink than Lemon's quote "... we have to stop demonizing people and realize the biggest terror threat in this country is white men..."

There is no break, no "but," no attempt to create an exception. This despite the sentence doing a complete about-face halfway through. Which one is it? The fact an anchor on a major news network was able to make this sentence and be dead serious says more about the state of affairs than any number of articles could.

The United States has undergone several moral panics in the past, including two Red Scares in the 1920's and 1950's, the Sata-tanic Panic of the late 90's, the moral panic of the 2010's will probably go down as the Social Justice or Intersectional Panic.

When elite, cloistered and out of touch circles of intelligentsia were so determined to combat systemic racism and sexism that they began preaching racism and sexism.

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Anti-Semitism in 2018

Trying to move forward from a tragedy

By ALEXIS FONTAINE
Opinion Editor

In light of the recent attacks on The Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh many thoughts are on the country's mind and hearts lie heavy. Regardless of political affiliation, it should be easy for us to agree that this hate crime was a tragedy that we can only hope will never be repeated. It is unfortunate reality that we must face that while we can hope, mass shootings in American society have become alarmingly more prevalent. Hate crimes and mass shootings are seemingly going hand in hand, but it is the year 2018, how is something like this possible? How is it that anti-Semitism could still be happening in modern American society, have we not put the problems of tragedies like the Holocaust in the past? When 11 Jewish citizens were shot and killed by a hate filled man with a gun, it is appar-

ent that anti-Semitism is not just an idea of yesteryear.

In a 2016 study done by Pew Research, the Majority of Israeli Jews said that anti-Semitism is very common (64%) or somewhat common (35%) around the world today. That leaves about 1% who feel that anti-Semitism is not too common. Just 1% of an entire ethnic group feels that they are not discriminated against, not just in America, but in the world. The survey also asked whether they thought anti-Semitism was increasing or decreasing, and 76% responded with saying they believed anti-Semitism was on the rise. This is the sad reality many Jewish people must face even in modern times.

Some people believe that it is today's political climate that leads to tragedies such as these.

Often time politicians will rely on hate filled words against their opponent to gain voters rather than discuss their own policies. President Trump is a scorching topic in any political debate, and Rabbi Jeffrey Myers of the Tree of Life synagogue had a message for Trump himself, according to CNN saying "Mr. President, hate speech leads to hateful actions. Hate speech leads to what happened in my sanctuary, where seven of my congregants were slaughtered. I witnessed it with my eyes." Many of Pittsburgh's citizens protested President Trump and First Lady Melania's visit to the synagogue after the shooting all together. And in a video found on the New York Times website, Reverend Susan Rothenberg, a Presbyterian minister went viral for screaming at

President Trump's motorcade as it went by saying, "Let the families grieve! This is our neighborhood! You are not welcome here!"

Regardless of political affiliations or leanings we are all human, and should want to protect and care for one another. According to the Boston Globe in a speech in September former president Obama was quoted as saying "We're supposed to stand up to discrimination. And we're sure as heck supposed to stand up, clearly and unequivocally, to Nazi sympathizers. How hard can that be? Saying that Nazis are bad?" In a country that has already experienced many hardships and landmarks such as the women's suffrage movement, and the civil rights movement, or even more recent movements that

are still dividing the country such as the Me too movement or Black Lives Matter, it is almost implausible for one to think that a hate crime like this could happen. We should have already moved past this, but if we haven't we should at least take the steps to try to move in a forward direction, not backwards. Many college campuses have Hillel's which are safe havens for Jewish Students, and there are local synagogues in the area for Jewish community members such as Temple Emanu-El on 514 Main St, Haverhill, which held a Peace Shabbat Service on Friday November 2 in grievance of the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. As a country and as a people we can move past this and do better to eradicate anti-Semitism.



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Women in STEM

Speakers come to Haverhill campus to share experiences

By SARAH REGAN-KELLEY
Correspondent

Students and faculty listened in on a Women in STEM Panel that was held on October 24, 2018 in TC 213 on the Haverhill Campus at NECC.

As people munched on sandwiches and salads from Panera, eight women panelists sat in the front of the room and talked about what it was like working in the field of STEM. The sound of chips crunching was drowned out by the stories and advice from the panelists.

Demetria Williams, a Northern Essex alumnus, is a Systems Administrator at Northrup Grumman Corporation. She is still working on her bachelor's degree, but has found that she can be successful with just her associate's degree.

"If you are good at what you do and have the initiative, you can get a job," she advised. "You need to be open to advice from others," she added.

Beth Blomquist, another Northern Essex alumnus, was an

Allied Health major during her time at the school. She is now the Associate Director of CMC and Patient Safety QA Company at Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

She advised people to "have someone who has your back" on the job. It is important to have a "best friend" on the job because they can give advice and "listen to your problems."

Blomquist pointed out that "you will be judged" on the job, and that's okay. She said that it was important to not silence yourself because you are afraid of being judged. "Let your voice be heard," she said.

All of the panelists agreed that one of the most important things someone can do in the field is networking.

Networking helps people make connections in the field and can be help people advance in their jobs and careers.

Becoming exposed in college and making connections now is important too because this is where mistakes and paths can be made. Connections with people in

the field can also help with future jobs. The panelists spoke about being open minded with the people that you work with. They said to be open to what others have to say and what their views are.

Annette Lee, an MIT graduate, has worked as a hazardous waste management person and has worked as an environmental engineer.

She has cleared contamination for about 20 years and now brews her own beer.

She owns the Throwback Brewery in North Hampton, New Hampshire. She wanted a career where she could be a "creative engineer" and was able to find her own path. "Don't be afraid of any of this stuff," she told the audience. "Power through!" she added.

The panelists told the women in the audience to stick together and told the men in the audience to stand up for women while on the job.

Since the STEM field is mostly male dominated, they said it is important for women to make

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- Demetria Williams

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Nate Frederick
International Speaker



Christa Seid-Graham
Vocalist

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER AND VOCALIST TO SHARE PRESENTATION ON SPIRITUAL HEALING

Nate Frederick, C.S., renowned international speaker, will be joined by soulful vocalist Christa Seid-Graham on Wednesday, November 14 at 4:30 in Lecture Hall A (Spurk Bldg C.) Nate's talk shows how faith should not be blind, but based on an understanding of spiritual laws that leads to healing. Christa's inspired musical interludes during the presentation encourage the listener to contemplate the ideas that are being shared. Come and enjoy an uplifting hour that may change the way you think about and experience both health and prayer!

Nate studied perennial religion at Hampshire College, where he was introduced to the Bible-based healing principles discovered by Mary Baker Eddy and set down in her break-

through book Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. He is a spiritual adventurer who has traveled the globe sharing healing insights, exploring new cultures and performing music. After traveling the world for a year and hiking extensively in the Himalayas, he came to Boston in 2008 to work for the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, MA. He has seen everything from broken hearts to broken bones to cancer healed through prayer alone. Now a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, he resides in Boothbay, ME with his wife and young daughter.

This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Andover, located at 278 N. Main Street, Andover.

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Late knight study sesh

Student Life event included extended hours for libraries, computer labs

By JARITZA HIDALGO
Correspondent

On Monday October 29th a late-night study session was held in the library, computer lab and in the second floor of the student center. The "Late Knight Study Sesh" was an event organized by the student life office. Stephanie Haskell Coordinator of Social Justice and Student Leadership, staff responsible for the event said, "the main reason we thought of this event was so students can have a quiet place to study for midterms."

Students were provided with longer access to computers, quiet spaces in the library as well as breakfast themed treats; waffle bar, cereal, granola bars, Keurig Coffee Station, water, and a hot coco bar in the student center. In addition to the treats, there were also activities available if students wanted to take a break from studying, the activities were gentle yoga and trivia BINGO. Study supplies, and study tips & resources were available

as well if needed.

The Late Knight Study Sesh was created in a short time noticed compared to other events in NECC. Academic technology assistant David Arivella thinks that the Late Knight Study Sesh was a "decent idea that was not advertised well." He said that the number of students in the computer lab was not that much different from the regular days, with the difference being that the student center was still open at 8pm when it is usually closed by 6pm. Arivella added that "the event would have been more successful in a four-year college" and that there is low attendance because NECC is a community college and people prefer to be home at such a late hour.

The student life office is starting to prepare for the same event to happen before finals "we are going to talk as a team to make it work and do a Late Knight Study Sesh before the finals" Haskell said. She added that there will be more time

for advertising, and "hopefully" a broader selection of food and drinks can be provided. NECC student Kevin Galva 23, and Ashleigh Demaris 21, said they would be open to the idea of coming to another late-night session like this one before finals.

When spoken to students that knew about the late night studying session, they thought it was a good idea. Galva 23, and Demaris 21, found out about the fact that the library would be open until 12 from a friend, they discarded the email that was sent to students because it did not stand out from the normal announcements. Demaris added "I do wish that the lab was open regularly at least till 10 pm" and Galva said, "yes I would come to a late study session happening before finals." After 9:30 the number of students was lower, but there were still students working in the computers and studying by themselves in the quiet areas of the library and in the student Center.



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Students enjoying snacks at Student Center

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Renowned photographer to exhibit at ArtSpace

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By ELLEN SMALL DAVIS
NECC Newsroom

Prominent New York photographer Lloyd Ziff, whose works hang in the private collections of actress Diane Keaton and photographer Annie Leibovitz, has brought works to Northern Essex Community College in an exhibit titled "Being Alive – The Photography of Lloyd Ziff."

The exhibit began Oct. 30 and runs through Saturday, Dec. 1.

There was an artist's talk and reception on Nov. 1.

The exhibit, which includes more than two dozen black and white photos, will hang in the Linda Hummel Shea ArtSpace in the Harold Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St.

This exhibit is free and open to the public during library hours, which are Monday through Thursday 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ziff's works hang in the per-

manent collections of The Los Angeles County Museum of Art and The Museum of the City of New York.

They have been published in "The New York Times Magazine," "Paris Vogue," "Rolling Stone," and "Vanity Fair."

He has been taking photos since he was an illustration and graphic arts major at the Pratt Institute and enrolled in a photography class to fulfill a credit requirement.

"Photography and the magic of the darkroom gave me a medium to express what only I felt," he said. "I never drew again."

His first earnings went to purchasing a Leica M2 with a 32mm lens, which he used almost exclusively until 2008 when his friend Annie Leibovitz gave him two new digital Leicas. Now, in addition to the Leicas, he shoots with his iPhone X.

"Sometimes, when I shoot a photograph I can feel it will be great," Ziff said. "This doesn't happen especially often, but it happens often enough for me to recognize the buzz I feel instantly traveling from my eye to my

brain to my heart."

After living abroad for a number of years, he returned to the states and worked as a successful editorial art director for "Rolling Stone," "House & Garden," and several other publications. In 2000, he stopped designing to concentrate on his photography.

"Making photographs was what I loved doing the most. I finally decided I wanted my photographs to be seen by more people than just my friends," Ziff said. "Showing my portfolio to galleries, art directors, book publishers, strangers, made my palms sweat something that never happened when I showed my art direction portfolio."

The excitement of essentially beginning a new career has been exhilarating. Now after over 50 years, I see the sensibility that links all my best photographs, my sensibility, is the basic joy of being alive, and has been the prevailing theme of my work since I learned how to see."

Northern Essex offers an associate degree in general studies: Art and Design. Students train to work as a graphic designer or



Photo by Name Name

Photo by Lloyd Ziff: Denise Axel: L.A., CA.

illustrator to prepare for a career in the multimedia field including web development, media production, and computer graphics. Students can also complete their first two years at NECC and transfer to a four-year art program.

The exhibit is sponsored by

the Haverhill Cultural Council as well as the NECC Liberal Arts Division & the Art Dept. For additional information contact mmannheimer@necc.mass.edu or pkidney@necc.mass.edu

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"Saltonstall" recalls Haverhill history



Liberal Arts Student Aileen Corniel portrayed Goody Cooper



A sign for the play outside the John Spurr (C) building

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He deserves to have his story told for the sake of memory.

- Michael Cormier, Playwright

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Photo by Punctuate4.org

Doug Brendel as Nathaniel Saltonstall and Les Tarmy as Rev. John Ward. At the John Ward home in Haverhill, MA

By Aaron Lehner
Campus Life Editor

This weekend, Northern Essex Community College lent out the Chester Hawrylcw Theater to Punctuate4 Productions debuting their new play "Saltonstall".

Written by playwright and former attorney Michael Cormier and director Myriam Cyr, the work portrays Nathaniel Saltonstall, a distinguished Haverhill judge who was invited to sit on the Court of Oyer and Terminer during the Salem witch trials, where he stood against the formidable Judge William Stoughton.

Saltonstall was the only judge to recuse himself from the trials after witnessing the madness that took place. The play ran through Thursday Nov. 1 to Sunday Nov. 4.

"I had always been interested in the Salem witch trials over the years and ran across Nathaniel Saltonstall [story] from Haverhill," said Cormier, a Haverhill native himself. "I wondered what kind of man would do this while others didn't. He deserves to have his story told for the sake of memory."

As a former attorney, Cormier said that he had felt a kindred spirit with Saltonstall and his moral dilemma. "I can relate to Nathaniel's feelings of how to reconcile what I've been taught and immersed in the society I live in with hypocrisy around him," says Cormier. "People I knew as good people I see now having terrible flaws in them and I'm asking myself, 'How do I handle them?' Manipulation of truth, perceptions about people, hatred, all of it is

just as important today as it was prominent back then."

"Because of Michael, the show is a beautiful melding of research and imagination. He learned so much about the Salem witch trials; where the record is blank he has filled in," says Doug Brendel who portrayed the title character. "Michael's command of every detail is wonderful. He can say with authority what's right and what's wrong. Saltonstall was the attention getter, big shot in Haverhill court, a socialite, leader and judge, he was looked up to. My portrayal of Saltonstall needs to be accurate for the history, and to be true to Michael's vision because (his) vision is true to history."

Punctuate4 Productions is a new theater company made by members of Black Box Lab at Stage 284. Director Myriam Cyr and PR Specialist Linda Greenstein are among the co-founders along with Patricia P. Jamison and Cat Stramer. All the founders have professional backgrounds in theater, and have a focus on producing new works around the New England area. "Saltonstall" is the company's first effort.

Cormier had met Greenstein through his wife whom Greenstein was doing a story on for the Eagle Tribune. "He had trouble doing research, because there's not a lot of documentation from the 17th century," said Greenstein. As a result of networking, she directed Cormier to the Buttonwoods Museum to help him with his research. Buttonwoods was originally

Nathaniel Saltonstall's estate. The play makes several references to historical locations such as John Ward's property and the worshipping oak.

Greenstein's son Noah, a NECC alumnus, had met Cyr through an arts and theater internship he was doing through the school. He was recruited in Cyr's production of "Mary Poppins" where he was the prop master, and has worked with her in other productions. Later he appeared in an equity reading of "Saltonstall" at the Buttonwoods Museum's annual meeting in June 2017 and equity staging at the Community House of Hamilton.

Several NECC students (both current and alumni) appeared in the play, one of which was Liberal Arts student Aileen Corniel of Lawrence. She made her theatrical debut in the Top Notch Player's production of "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" and landed the role of Goody Cooper and Martha in an open audition of "Saltonstall".

"Theater is a collaboration more so when you're a college student. One person has to do most of the work for everyone, but professional theater has people doing multiple roles, and keeping in touch with important people," Corniel says. "You go through more and different steps to get things done. I've learned a lot from watching other professional actors and their process. I'm so mesmerized in watching Myriam direct during rehearsals, and seeing [actors] apply her directing into their

performance, it helps me learn and grow as an actor."

Punctuate4 owes its thanks to Jeff Linehan and the college trustees for bringing the show to NECC. "Linehan felt that since it was a Haverhill story, he thought it was important that the production debuted in Haverhill," says Greenstein. Linehan is also the treasurer of the Buttonwoods Museum, and first saw the show at the Buttonwoods meeting last summer.

The production was moved to the Chester Hawrylcw Theater Oct. 25, where they did dress rehearsals and built the set. "I think they [NECC] should host productions more often; it brings lots of good publicity to the school, lots of positivity," says Corniel. "People don't even know we have theater and they come to see a show like this; it has made other people and organizations be aware of space we have."

"It was a great way for NECC to connect with the greater Haverhill community, it was great having so many people come to the theater for the first time," says Greenstein.

Cormier says his next play will be about the Bread and Roses strike in Lawrence back in 1912, led by the Industrial Workers of the World consisting of immigrant and female workers.

It is expected to be finished by next year.

Refreshments at the play were served by the Commonwealth Honors students as a fundraiser.

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Padova's presidential project

Professor elaborates on his upcoming book

By MARIELLA MENDEZ
Features Editor

Northern Essex' very own, Professor Richard Padova is publishing his third book in 13 years, and has recruited a handful of NECC students to help him write it.

Padova says, "My book will be about men and women who have unsuccessfully sought the presidency of the United States."

Katherine Hailson, 21, Liberal Arts: Writing student is one of the students who has volunteered to work on the book.

"I think what really interests me in the topic of Professor Padova's next book is getting the chance to delve deeper into how presidential campaigns have been run in our nation," she said.

Hailson expressed that she's worked and volunteered for local campaigns and says, "there is always much more at stake when it comes to national politics."

Hailson hopes to gain more knowledge about presidential campaigns as well as improve writing and researching skills.

She also states the importance of trying to get involved with campaigns, so that people are aware of who they are representing, "A simple conversation goes a long way," she says.

Dean Sheldon, 21, Information Technology major, is also helping Professor Padova create his

book.

Sheldon found himself interested in the project because he likes writing during his free time.

Sheldon found out about Padova's project through the Observer and quickly acquainted himself with Padova's previous work. Although Sheldon is more of a sci-fi and fantasy writer, he emphasized that he wouldn't mind trying to write something with a different approach and "walking away with more resources on where to research."

Sheldon clarified that he is not particularly fond of current politics saying, "I actually tend to isolate myself from it, especially nowadays. But when it comes to historical politics, that's a different story. Seeing how people lean politically and behave during different time periods is a very interesting subject."

Sheldon hopes to gain more insight into human psychology during the research of this project.

Padova says, "Usually the losing candidates are forgotten about and sometimes never heard from again. I believe that they deserve to be brought to light, if for no other reason than the fact that for many of them, they gave up months from their lives to put themselves under a microscope developing a platform, enunciating their issues and trying to



Courtesy Photo

Richard Padova

convince people why they had the skills and abilities to lead the country." He also says that he has an "eclectic mix of candidates" that he is currently reviewing for possible inclusion in the book. These

candidates vary from men, women, Democrats, Republicans, third-party candidates, well-known candidates and many more. By conducting this research, Padova will enhance the knowledge of

one of his many teaching specialties, presidential history, campaigns and elections. Padova is looking forward to his research and is looking to publish his book in 2020.

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Donate blood and save a life

BY MELANIE POLANCO
Correspondent

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive here at Northern Essex on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The purpose of the blood drive is to help people of all ages, people who have had organ transplants, heart surgery, burn victims, and even people who suffer from cancer. Many other people benefit from this blood drive, people who battle with sickle cell

disease or other chronic diseases. The blood drive is not only open to students but also to the public. In order to be eligible to participate as a blood donor you must be in good health, 16 years of age, you must weigh at least 110 lbs, and you have not donated blood in the last 56 days.

Coordinator of civic engagement Janel D'Agata-Lynch encourages everyone to be a part of the blood drive. She says "When

people are in critical conditions, the only way to get blood is from other people"

"We want as many people to donate." Not everyone can donate blood because of some health limitations, but it is encouraged for students to help out even if its at the check in table.

"We want to help in some shape or form." Says D'Agata-Lynch says.

A former nurse alumni Cath-

erine Ramos says "I was never qualified to be a blood donor, but I highly encourage my friends to do it. It is vital to help those people in need, and a donation can save a life."

Ramos wants student to realize that a simple act can help a person who is struggling with their health.

Luisamaria Cruz, currently enrolled in the dental assisting program here at NECC says, "I

personally like it and was always interested in doing it, but I never did, because I was always curious about the requirements."

Cruz admits that she would be willing to help out knowing that she could possibly save a life.

For more information and to find other blood drives near you visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red Cross

Resources for those affected by gas disaster

Many residents of the Merrimack Valley, including students, faculty and staff, are still affected by the gas emergency.

Since fires and explosions caused by excessive pressure in gas lines on Sept. 13, led to one death, many injuries and the evacuations of neighborhoods, many residents are still without gas service as Columbia Gas works to repair and replace gas lines.

While progress is being made in restoring gas service to thousands of households in Lawrence, North Andover and Andover, there are still many without ser-

vice, which means homes without gas, hot water or full heat. Many are using space heaters, hot plates or other techniques to compensate or have relocated to temporary trailers or hotels.

Columbia Gas has said that the date for full restoration has now been pushed back to Dec. 16, nearly a month later than the original Nov. 19 deadline.

Northern Essex recently sent an email to the campus community, outlining various resources that may be available to those affected. The Observer is printing a portion of the email below:

Outside the College

Resources: Resource List: The We Are Lawrence website is keeping an updated list of resources for people around the gas emergency. Please visit <https://www.wearelawrence.org/lawrencegasresponse> for the available resources.

Inside the College: Students: If you or a friend are struggling due to the impact of the gas disaster or for any other reason, please reach out to NECC's Care and Concern Team.

You can do this by submitting a Care Report online or contact one of the co-chairs, Janel D'Agata-Lynch at jdagatalynch@necc.mass.edu, or Vengerflutta Smith at vsmith@necc.mass.edu.

Resource Referrals: The Community Resources Program is here to help students connect to needed resources within the community. If you would like assistance locating resources, please contact our office at communityresources@necc.mass.edu or call 978-556-3471.

Columbia Gas has listed resources on its website and is staffing resource centers in the three communities for claims: Affected Customer Helpline 1-866-388-3239 Property Claims Helpline

1-800-590-5571 Temporary Housing 1-800-590-5571 x 3 In person claims centers: **Andover** 45 Main Street Monday through Friday - 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Lawrence** 439 South Union Street, Lawrence, (1 Heritage Place); Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **North Andover** 115 Main Street, Monday through Friday - 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Justine Caron joins Board of YWCA

Caron has been at NECC for seven years and is currently director of human resources

YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts has announced that Justine Caron of Northern Essex Community College (NECC) has joined the YWCA Board of Directors.

Caron has been at NECC for seven years where she is currently Director of Human Resources and AAO, Title IX, and ADA Section 504 Compliance Officer.

In that role, she is responsible for providing training to staff on major Federal anti-discrimination laws, and for resolving related complaints under the College's Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity and Diversity policies.

Caron said she is "particularly passionate" about her role at the college and her new role on the YWCA board, since both reflect her personal passions and beliefs.

"Respect of people from all nations, cultures, backgrounds, and experiences is ingrained in the person that I am and I strive to reflect this in all aspects of my life," Caron said.

Caron first collaborated in 2015 with YWCA Site Director Renée McGuire to bring a series of YWCA workshops to

NECC students, faculty and staff on awareness of domestic violence, stalking, consent, sexual assault and other related topics.

The collaboration has continued and grown.

In March 2018, Caron was instrumental in NECC hosting the annual White Ribbon Day Campaign Breakfast, a YWCA event that is part of a national campaign to raise awareness of violence against women, where men make a public pledge to be role models of non-violence.

The event at NECC was attended by over 150, including many students from Haverhill High School.

As dictated by YWCA by-laws, the board is all female, and currently has 17 members.

Caron will be officially welcomed as a new board member at the YWCA Annual Meeting and breakfast on Nov. 15, to be held from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the YWCA Fina House, 203 Haverhill St., Lawrence.

For further information on the meeting, contact jvalverde@ywcaneema.org.

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Seasons beginning and ending

Volleyball season ended, Basketball has begun

By CARNEY WOELFEL
Sports Editor

NECC Knights Cross Country will be representing the college in the NJCAA National Championship. The last meet that they were in was the Northeast Junior College Invitational where the Men's team finished third. They were led by Logan Foster (Atkinson, NH) who finished in 4th in the 8,000 meters. He and other teammates Willie Thomson (Beverly, MA), Andy Barrientos (Lawrence, MA), Jacob Navabi (Haverhill, MA) and Emil Rosario (Methuen, MA) will represent the Men's side in the National Championship.

For the Women's side of the team Katelyn Richardson (Wilmington, MA) who finished 11th in the meet. This will be the first trip for her to the nationals. Joining her will be Olivia

Mullins (Plaistow, NH) who finished 6th in the last meet. She came in 6th in the 5k. This is the 2nd trip for her to the national championship where she finished 52nd.

Knights basketball team competed in the NHTI Edward Jones Tap-Off Festival where they lost both games, first to the host NHTI 95-93. Then to Central Maine Community College 96-81. In their first game against NHTI, Evan Hardy (Methuen, MA) led the team with 24 points off the bench going 8-11 at three pointers. For the 2nd game against Central Maine Community College Trey Sanford (Salem, NH) led the team with 17 points. It is still early for the team, last season the team went 17-3. Their first game of the season is at Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology on Tuesday, November 6. Their first home game is Thursday, November 8th against Quincy College. With a new season on the way let's hope it will be a great season for the knights



Photo Courtesy of NECC Athletics

Olivia Mullins, Katelyn Richardson, Logan Foster, Emil Rosario and more will represent team at NJCAA National Championship

Knights Basketball Schedule

November

Thu. 8	Quincy College	6:00PM
Sat. 10	at Massasoit Community College	3:00 PM
Tue. 13	Community College of Rhode Island	6:00 PM
Thu. 15	Bunker Hill Community College	6:00 PM
Sat. 17	Gateway Community College	1:00 PM
Tues. 20	Roxbury Community College	6:00 PM
Tues. 27	at MassBay Community College	7:00 PM
Thu. 29	Holyoke Community College	6:00 PM
Sat. Dec. 1	at Springfield Technical Community College	1:00 PM

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Red Sox win World Series

Red Sox playoff record 11-3

By CARNEY WOELFEL

Sports Editor

The Boston Red Sox won the 2018 World Series against Clayton Kershaw and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Sox won the four games they needed to clinch another championship title for the city of Boston. Rookie manager Alex Cora did his job, which is a phrase that is well used in the New England area. The team got the power hitting J.D. Martinez and also traded for the players that helped them win it all (Ian Kinsler and Steve Pearce). Though they traded and signed players they already had a dangerous roster to begin with (Mookie Betts, Jackie Bradley Jr., David Price, Chris Sale). This roster was unbeatable, making the team go 119 through the regular season and the playoffs.

The opponents this year were tough, each American League team they faced had over 100 wins. Their ALDS opponent were their rivals the New York Yankees. A best of five series where they only lost one game.

Their series clinching out was something to celebrate for, former NECC student Kevin Brown said, "It wouldn't be a series win if the Red Sox didn't make you nervous." The final out came after first baseman Steve Pearce had to dive just to make the catch after the throw from third baseman Eduardo Nunez was going into the dirt. The play had to go into review. After the umpires talked it out with the MLB headquarters the runner was ruled out and Boston knocked-out their rivals.

They headed into the ALCS against the heavy hitting Houston Astros who were the 2017 MLB World Series Champions. The series was much tougher than the one the Sox played against

the Yankees. The Astros had a terrific infield and their pitching staff was favorable to win the series for them. They had the likely American League Cy Young winner Justin Verlander. This was another series that Boston only lost one game and it was at home. This proved that the Red Sox were a better road team. They closed out the series in Houston to a flyball in Left field to Andrew Benintendi. This was the first time that the Red Sox have made it to the World Series since 2013 where they faced and beat the St. Louis Cardinals.

The 2018 MLB World Series was set, Dodgers vs. Red Sox. The first game was set in Boston since the American League

won the All-Star game giving the American League home field advantage.

The series featured two historic teams battling head-to-head where only one team can be crowned a winner.

From the last two series that Boston played they only lost one game and that was the same situation against Los Angeles. This time they lost on the road rather than losing at home. That was an 18 inning game and it was a walk-off homerun to first baseman Max Muncy. After that loss Boston won the next two to be crowned champions of the MLB.

Since 2004 where Boston broke the 86-year-old curse, they have won three more times

(2007, 2013, and 2018).

This win helped the debate making Boston the city of champions of all four major sports. At the beginning of the year everyone knew that the Red Sox had a great team that would make the playoffs but would have a tough time to advance to the World Series. Brown said, "I hate to say that I doubted them in spring training. I knew they had a great team, but we had a new manager." Alex Cora took the reins of this team and led them to win another Commissioner's trophy for the franchise and the city of Boston. We all hope to see what they can do next year. Fans are still celebrating this win and they should be for a long time.

"It wouldn't be series win if the Red Sox didn't make you nervous"

- Kevin Brown

Patriots keep winning

Patriots advance to 7-2 after beating Packers Sunday night

By CARNEY WOELFEL

Sports Editor

What many thought would be a difficult season for Tom Brady and the Patriots has turned around quickly. The Patriots lost two games in the early part of the season, but since then they have turned it around.

NECC student Jared Haynes said, "When will there be a season when Brady isn't the GOAT?"

We all hear the broadcasters say "Tom Brady is 41, how is he still this good? Does the TB12 method actually work?" It's no surprise that the Patriots are still winning. They have one of the best coaches the NFL has ever seen since Vince Lombardi.

Belichick has been in the coaching system since the 1970's when he was with the Cleveland Browns.

He was taught well by former Patriots coach Bill Parcells in the Giants system. If you look at the coaching trees they have, Parcells and Belichick you will see that most of the coaches beside three (Andy Reid, Doug Peder-

son, Matt Nagy) have been part of Belichick and Parcells coaching tree. Belichick has been in the game of football since the 1970's and he has adapted to the changes and various roles of players he has coached to make the Patriots become a powerhouse of the NFL.

It was the Sunday Night Football game on NBC where Tom Brady and the Patriots pulled out a win against the versatile offense of Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. It was close in the first half.

Haynes said "Many believed

this was going down to the wire. If the Pats scored the Packers would answer in a hurry."

The Packers lost a close one last week after former Packers running back and kick-off returner Ty Montgomery failed to take a knee and ran the ball after the kick-off then fumbled to ruin Rodgers chances to beat the Rams of Los Angeles.

At the time the Rams were undefeated, every team in the NFL wanted to give them their first loss of the season. After the first half it was a close one, then the

what happened last week to the Packers happened again.

Running back Aaron Jones fumbled the ball on a hand-off. It was a costly fumble and the Patriots capitalized on that mistake. Patriots won the game 31-17. James White was a big performer finishing with two touchdowns.

Next week the Patriots take on the Tennessee Titans on the road. Their coach is under the Belichick coaching tree and former linebacker for the Patriots, Mike Vrabel.

What should be an easy win

for the Patriots may be a close one since Vrabel is running the team.

He was the Defense Coordinator in Houston. In recent years Houston's defense was always tough on New England's offense.

This game against the Titans their defense needs to stop Brady from getting into rhythm early. That game is set for 1:00pm and many people will be watching.

Hopefully the Patriots can become 8-2 and it will help them make the playoffs once again.

When will there be a season when Brady isn't the GOAT? - Jared Haynes

Just for Fun

Scenes from Dimitry renovations



Photos by Andy Montilla

The facade of the Dimitry building in Lawrence is being transformed as renovations continue. According to the NECC website, the work is expected to be completed in March 2019. "The building will feature new windows, new siding, parking lot improvements, and new and beautifully landscaped outdoor space. The renovation is anticipated to cost \$6.5 million and it is being funded by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management," according to the website. For more information about the project, search the Dimitry Renovation Project on the NECC website.